

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Scott Mordin Hoyte, et al.

Art Unit: 2863

Serial No.: 10/723,496

Examiner: Nghiem, Michael P.

Filed: November 26, 2003

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USING

EDDY CURRENT TRANSDUCERS IN

MAGNETIC FIELDS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Mail Stop ISSUE FEE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

The following comments are in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability dated January 6, 2005.

Applicant believes that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in this case is improper, as reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear the Examiner's reasons for allowing a claim or claims (see 37 CFR §1.104(e)). In the present case, Applicants believe the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted.

Furthermore, Applicants do not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance and do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's interpretation of the teachings of the cited art.

Respectfully Submitted,

William J. Zychlewicz

Registration No. 51,366

ARMSTRONG TEASDALE LLP

One Metropolitan Square, Suite 2600

St. Louis, Missouri 63102-2740

(314) 621-5070

128593 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Scott Mordin Hoyte, et al.

Art Unit: 2863

Serial No.: 10/723,496

Examiner: Nghiem, Michael P.

Filed: November 26, 2003

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USING

EDDY CURRENT TRANSDUCERS IN

MAGNETIC FIELDS

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

Mail Stop ISSUE FEE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Express Mail Mailing Label No.: EV593390145US

Date of Mailing: February 10, 2005

I hereby certify that the documents listed below:

- Issue Fee Transmittal (1 page, in duplicate)
- Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages)
- Amendment After Allowance Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.312 (3 pages)• Postcard

are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated above in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop ISSUE FEE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Zychlewicz, Reg. 51,366

Armstrong Teasdale LLP

One Metropolitan Square, Suite 2600

St. Louis, MO 63012

(314) 621-5070